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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 CITY OF SEATTLE,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C12-1282JLR

MINUTE ORDER REGARDING
PROCEDURES FOR FILING
AMICUS BRIEFS

15 The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable
16 James L. Robart:

17 The following procedures shall apply to the filing of any *amicus curiae* brief in
18 response to the parties' joint motion to approve their proposed agreement on sustained
19 compliance (Dkt. # 727).

20 No one shall file an *amicus curiae* brief unless the brief is accompanied by a
21 motion seeking the court's permission to do so. The proposed *amicus curiae* brief shall
22 be attached as an exhibit to the motion seeking leave to file the brief. The purpose of

1 requiring a motion for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief is so that the court can analyze
2 whether a proposed *amicus curiae* brief would provide unique or helpful information
3 beyond what the parties can provide. *See, e.g., NGV Gaming, Ltd. v. Upstream Point*
4 *Molate, LLC*, 335 F. Supp. 2d 1061, 1067 (N.D. Cal. 2005) (stating that district courts
5 may consider *amicus* briefs “concerning legal issues that have potential ramifications
6 beyond the parties directly involved or if the amicus has unique information or
7 perspective that can help the court beyond the help that the lawyers for the parties can
8 provide” (internal quotations omitted)). At least one attorney who is admitted to practice
9 in this court shall sign the motion seeking leave to file the *amicus curiae* brief, as well as
10 the *amicus curiae* brief itself.

11 All motions for leave to file an *amicus curiae* brief shall be filed by no later than
12 **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.**

13 Filed and entered this 4th day of April, 2023.

14 RAVI SUBRAMANIAN
15 Clerk of Court

16 s/ Ashleigh Drecktrah
17 Deputy Clerk
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